

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] The present invention is related to U.S. Design Patent ~~Application No. 29/117,918, filed on February 1, 2000~~ D431,952, entitled BILLIARD BALL HOLDER; U.S. Design Patent ~~Application No. 29/117,912 filed February 1, 2000~~ D436,779, entitled BILLIARD BALL HOLDER; U.S. Design Patent ~~Application 29/117,880, filed on February 1, 2000~~ D436,778, entitled BILLIARD BALL HOLDER; U.S. Design Patent ~~Application 29/117,913, filed on February 1, 2000~~ D431,951, entitled BILLIARD BALL HOLDER; U.S. Design Patent ~~Application 29/117,914~~ D429,937, entitled ACCESSORY CABINET FOR A BILLIARD CUE RACK[,] ~~now issued U.S. Design Patent D 429,937, issued on August 28, 2000;~~ and U.S. Design Patent ~~Application 29/117,907~~ D429,936, entitled BILLIARD CUE CABINET[,] ~~now issued U.S. Design Patent D 429,936, issued on August 28, 2000,~~ the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] The rack 1 shown in Fig. 1 includes an upright cabinet 12 having spaced-apart side walls 13, and a rear wall 14 forming an open space 15 that receives a plurality of billiard cues 16, and the billiard ball holder 7. An upper horizontal wall member 17 (Fig. 2) includes a plurality of openings 20 that receive the upper end portion 21 of the billiard cues 16. The lower or butt end 22 of the cues 16 ~~rests on the upper surface of a lower horizontal wall 18,~~ and the lower end 22 of the cues 16 are received in shallow depressions 23 in a ~~horizontal~~ ~~retainer wall 19 that is positioned immediately above the lower horizontal wall 18.~~ The openings 20 in upper horizontal wall 17 are illustrated as being generally circular holes. However, it is anticipated that openings 20 could comprise a U-shaped slot that opens at the side edge 24 of the wall 17, in a manner similar to the opening or slots 63 described in more detail below in connection with the embodiment of the rack illustrated in Fig. 9. The cues 16 are stored by inserting the upper ends 21 through the openings 20, followed by rotation of the cues 16 to a position wherein the lower end 22 of the cues 16 are directly above the associated depression 23.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

As illustrated in Figs. 1-3, the base 4 of cabinet 12 includes a box-like structure 25 having an upper wall 27. A front wall 28 closes off the box-like structure 25, and may be hingedly mounted to form a door to provide access to the open interior space 29 of box-like structure 25. Horizontal wall 17 includes an elongated opening 30 that receives an upper, open end 31 of billiard ball holder 7, and wall 27 of box structure 25 includes shallow slot 6 that receives and retains a lower end 33 of billiard ball holder 7. The billiard ball holder 7 has an overall length "L" that is greater than the distance "D" between the horizontal walls 17 and 27. Billiard ball holder 7 is installed in the cabinet ~~[[14]]~~ 12 by inserting the upper end 31 of billiard ball holder 7 into opening 30. The lower end 33 of billiard ball holder 7 is then rotated inwardly in the direction of the arrow "A" until the lower end 33 of billiard ball holder 7 is directly above the slot 6 in horizontal wall 27. The billiard ball holder 7 is then shifted downwardly in the direction of the arrow "B", until the bottom or end surface 35 of the billiard ball holder 7 abuts the upper surface 34 of slot 6. The billiard ball holder 7 may be removed from the cabinet 12 by shifting the billiard ball holder 7 upwardly in the direction opposite the arrow "B", followed by rotation of the lower end 33 of billiard ball holder 7 outwardly, opposite the arrow "A". The billiard ball holder 7 is then shifted downwardly and outwardly out of the opening 30.